

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting  
September 10, 2009  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mary Feathers, Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Mark LaPlaca, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin.

**Absent:** Shamim Patwa, Carrie Silver-Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Ms. Feathers, Chair.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received an invitation to the CAS Awards Ceremony honoring Candace Morell – Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None  
Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:40pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mrs. Kelly discussed the guidelines and application form from the Goodwin Bequest Committee. In September 2009, Mansfield children will be invited to apply for funding for projects to promote the civic conscience of Dorothy C. Goodwin. Mr. Hamlin reported that the Policy Committee has reviewed and supports the recommended updates to the Mansfield Board of Education Policies. **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adopt the fall 2009 updates to the Mansfield Board of Education Policies.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. Ms. Feathers reported that the Building Committee continues to meet. The Middle School Fuel Conversion project is on time and on budget. There will be a joint meeting with the Building Committee, Town Council and Board of Education later this fall to discuss findings of the Committee.

Ms. Patwa arrived at 7:41pm.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

- New Certified Staff: The building principals introduced the new staff for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Books on Bus: Linda Robinson reported on the success of the first year of the program which provided access to library books along the elementary bus routes.
- Mansfield's Plan for Young Children: Kevin Grunwald and Sandy Baxter reported on the plan, developed by the community, to improve the lives of Mansfield's children ages birth to eight and their families.
- 2008-2009 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Cherie Trahan reported that revenues exceeded expenditures for fiscal year 2008-2009. **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Patwa to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- Budget Transfers 2008-2009: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve the Budget Transfers. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- Summer School 2009: Rachel Leclerc and Candace Morell reported on the summer school programs at Goodwin School and the Middle School.
- Board Summer Retreat Review/Next Steps: The Board reviewed 2009-2010 goals at the July 14, 2009 retreat.

- Board Fall Workshop: The Fall Board Workshop with the Administrators will be on September 24, 2009.
- School Energy Committees: Mr. Baruzzi updated the Board on the continuation of energy committees at each school building facilitated by the Enrichment teachers.
- Update on World Language – German Exchange. Jeff Cryan informed the Board that 21 students from Sarstedt, Germany will be visiting the Middle School from September 13 – October 3, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS: **MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to remove the June 18, 2009 minutes from the consent agenda. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve the June 18, 2009 minutes as amended. **VOTE:** Ms. Patwa, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. LaPlaca, Ms. Min, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kueffner, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor. Mrs. Paulhus opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded Mr. Kueffner that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of September 10, 2009 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of John Hart, Band Director, Mansfield Middle School and Denise Proffer, Special Education Resource teacher at Southeast School and the resignation of Rachel Stevens, Band Director, Mansfield Middle School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Patwa asked there be a Math Program Review and the Middle School Writing Center update. It was suggested that these be provided after the elections in November.

There was a brief discussion on the Novel H1N1 Influenza.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to adjourn at 10:00pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk